

AMENDMENT
S/N 09/460,107, FILED 12/13/99

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REMARKS

The above-reference Office Action has been carefully reviewed and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 24-26 and 28 are indicated as being allowable if written to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 29 is Claim 24 so rewritten, Claim 30 is Claim 25 so rewritten, and Claim 32 is Claim 28 so rewritten. Claim 31 depends from Claim 30 and contains the limitations of Claim 26.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application, Claims 29-32, are allowable and early action in that regard is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions as to the allowability of the claims or any suggestions with respect thereto, the privilege of a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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